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Campus

Briefs

Computer Club open to all

by BILL COOKSEY
Staff reporter

The Data Processing Management Association offers something for almost anyone interested in computers.

DPMA is a club on campus which deals with computers. The club is currently in its second year and has about 35 members.

Daniel Sklar, club president, said the club is open to students of all majors and there are no obligations attached to the club. "We consider ourselves an extracurricular information organization," Sklar said.

DPMA usually meets once a month and has a featured guest speaker each time. Prior meetings have had speakers on computer crime, the computer in economics and finance and the latest technology news.

Phil Blaufuss, director of Technical Services at Compco Computer Services, was guest speaker at a meeting Wednesday. Blaufuss's topic dealt

with the advantages and disadvantages of four personal computers: the IBM-PC, MacIntosh, Compag and the IBM-PC Jr.

The club also has plans for future meetings. On March 20, there will be a demonstration of popular spread sheet softwares and word processing software. Business students are urged to attend.

On April 17, a panel discussion consisting of employers is planned. The employers will discuss what they look for in hiring employees interested in the computer market, Sklar said.

DPMA also keeps a bulletin board posted on the fourth floor of Bronson Hall. The board shows the latest computer news printed in the Wall Street Journal.

Anyone interested in computers is urged to attend a DPMA meeting. Membership in the club is \$3 per year, which mainly pays for the refreshments served at the meetings.

Police

The Campus Police are increasing the number of officers assigned to duty, according to Campus Police Chief Claude Overlease.

Campus Police, on duty 24 hours a day, will soon be adding a new Police Academy graduate to increase their ranks to eight officers, Overlease said.

In addition to parking violations and campus crime, Campus Police are responsible for vehicle registration and lost and found articles in their office in Room 116 of Bronson Hall.

PA program

John Duffy Jr., coordinator of Public Administration Institute at LSU-BR, will visit our campus today to discuss LSUS' public administration graduate programs. Duffy will be in BH 140 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Reception

A campus-wide reception will be held in the UC Lobby Wednesday from 12 to 2 p.m. in honor of Dr. Gloria Raines' one-year anniversary at LSUS and all campus organization officers.

The reception is sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, the Program Council and the SGA. Everyone is invited.

Drama Club

To amuse themselves, to entertain the student body and to mix entertainment with day-to-day campus life are the new directions envisioned for the LSUS Drama Club this semester.

Each meeting will focus on a different club member performing according to his or her creative drives, providing an opportunity to express and enhance individual interest and talents.

Club members are planning costumed activity during Spring Fling, as well as numerous impromptu performances around the campus and several meetings.

Club officers and members extend an open invitation to all their meetings.

The next meeting, featuring Bob Stagg, will be Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the UC Pilots Room.

Military

The Department of Military Science is accepting applications for one-, two- and three-year scholarships to be awarded in the fall semester.

These scholarships pay for tuition, fees and books and provide \$100 per month for incidental expenses.

For more information on how to apply, see Capt. Joseph R. Emery or Capt. Joseph F. Hamilton in the Department of Military Science.

Interviews

The Internal Revenue Service will interview May 1984 graduates in accounting (or any other Business Administration degree program that included a minimum of six hours of accounting) Tuesday at 11 a.m. and

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1 p.m. in the UC's Webster Room.

Further information on the interviews is available in the Placement Office, Room 140 of Bronson Hall.

All seniors graduating in May or August 1984 should make appointments with the Placement Office to prepare credentials for spring interviews.

Pell grant

Application forms to apply for the Pell Grant for 1984-85 have been received by the Student Financial Aid Office.

Also, 1984-85 ACT Financial Family Statement forms are now available for those students wishing to apply for College Work-Study jobs for this summer and/or next school year.

These forms may be obtained from the Student Financial Aid Office, Room 148, Bronson Hall.

ZTA

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will hold an installation of new officers Monday, Feb. 27. The officers are Tracey King, president; Beth Holliman, first vice president; Ginger Nuttall, second vice president; Beth Turner, secretary; Debbie Fowler, historian; Cheryl Dubois, reporter; Rosalind Thomas, membership chairman; Julie Attaway, ritual chairman; and Debra Kalfas, panhellenic delegate.

Decals

All parking decals will be issued from the Campus Police Office, BH 118.

Delta Sig

The Zeta Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi is proud to announce the election results for the 1984 year. President is Steve Molen; vice president, Paul Koerner; secretary, John Keith; treasurer, John Braden; and sergeant-at-arms, Eddie Iron Smith.

Pageant

Carla Goben, the reigning Miss LSUS, will crown her successor at the 1984 Miss LSUS Scholarship Pageant tomorrow night in the UC Theatre. The pageant, which begins at 7 p.m., is an Official Miss America Preliminary Pageant. The winner will represent LSUS in the 1984 Miss Louisiana Pageant.

Contestants are Kim Brooks, Carol Carter, Rhonda Copple, Lori Friedel, Karen Moore and Chandra Seward. The pageant is open to the public for a \$3 admission charge.

Scholarship

Applications are now available for Delta Delta Delta Service Projects scholarships. LSUS will award one award of \$200 to a full-time undergraduate woman.

Application forms are available from the director of Financial Aid, Edgar L. Chase, BH 148, or Lisa Willmore, the Service Projects chairman of Tri Delta. Completed applications must be returned during the first week of March.

Meeting

The Criminal Justice Student Association will meet Wednesday at noon in BH 103. Everyone is invited.

Financial aid

LSUS Alumni Association scholarships are closed to new applicants wishing to obtain financial aid for the fall semester, Dr. Peter Smits, assistant to the Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs, said.

Applicants must enter the scholarship program as a freshman, maintain a 3.0 GPA and register as a full-time, continuing student, Smits said.

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Calendar

Fri., Feb. 17	Sat., Feb. 18	Sun., Feb. 19	Mon., Feb. 20	Tues., Feb. 21	Wed., Feb. 22	Thurs., Feb. 23
John Duffy visit - BH 140, 10 to 11 a.m.	Miss LSUS Pageant - 7 p.m., UC Theater	Parking decals issued - BH 118, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	PSE Orientation - 7 p.m., Plantation Ballroom	PSE Orientation - 12:30 p.m., Plantation Ballroom	Campus-wide reception for Dr. Gloria Raines - 12 to 2 p.m., UC Lobby	Applications available for ODK through Feb. 29 - BE 115

Five scholarships to be awarded

by CHERYL DUBOIS
Editorial assistant

The American Studies program in the College of Liberal Arts will award five full scholarships for students to attend the 15th Annual Spring Symposium on the American Presidency in Washington, D.C.

The four-day program is scheduled for March 22-25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill. Applications are available from Dr. William D. Pederson, director of American Studies, BH 449. Deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 24.

"Minority students are encouraged to apply," Pederson said. "LSUS is giving more scholarships than any university this year."

The scholarships, amounting to approximately \$800 each, are open to all majors. The LSUS American Studies Scholarship Committee will select students on the basis of a variety of factors, including grade point average, leadership potential and interest in the American presidency, Pederson said.

Last year, only two scholarships were awarded because of funding; this year, however, more money is available with the help of the American Studies endowment, a private organization and a private individual, according to Pederson. In addition, the Government Law Society and the Political Science Honor Society are trying to raise money to send more people next year.

"Eight to 10 is our goal," Pederson said.

This year's symposium features a special White House tour, a State Department briefing and a variety of scholars, journalists and politicians, according to Pederson. Invited speakers include President Reagan, Attorney General designate Edwin Meese, the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic National Committees, past and present presidential candidates, pollsters and national television correspondents.

"It's a good chance for LSUS students to get a trip to Washington, D.C.," Pederson said. "It also gives them a

chance to ask questions with some of the nation's leaders."

Dr. Vincent Marsala, dean of the College of General Studies, and Dr. Ann McLaurin, chairman of the department of social sciences, have been invited back again this year to serve as distinguished discussants on the

program, according to Pederson.

The Center for the Study of the Presidency has also extended the option of submitting an essay of invitations to Peggy W. Kinsey, a Shreveport community leader; Dr. Mary McBride, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and Dr. Joyce Peoples, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Southern

University, Shreveport-Bossier. Three Southern University students will also attend.

In addition to applying for the scholarships, students have the no more than 2,500 words on the theme of this year's symposium, "Campaign '84: The Contest for National Leadership," Pederson said. The best undergraduate essays will be forwarded to the

Center, which awards prizes up to \$250 for the 10 best essays in the United States and Canada.

Last year, Darrell Landreaux, a senior public administration major from Bossier City, won fourth place in the national essay competition and was selected as a Center Fellow with the Center for the Study of the Presidency.

Both the completed application form and the optional essay are due the same day.



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editorials

Container law avenue for abuse

Americans are always over-reacting.

When they felt all Americans needed to be herded into one ideological approach, they demanded alien and sedition acts to quash the naysayers.

When communism came into vogue as an American "threat," Congress responded with the Smith Act. During World War II, thousands of Japanese were imprisoned in California because they were, uh, Japanese.

After a while, though, we invariably feel bad. After cheering Joe McCarthy's witch hunts in the early 50s, we tired of him and thought him a bully. These days, the Smith Act is laughed at far more than enforced, and American courts are granting paybacks to the Japanese prisoners of war.

A similarly regrettable law came before the Shreveport City Council, and since the opposition was curiously mum, it passed.

The council was asked to consider a law to make it illegal to drink in a moving car—the so-called open container law.

The law's biggest asset is that it has become known as an effective anti-drunk driving measure, facts notwithstanding. There are no reliable statistics that traffic is any safer in areas where such laws are already in force.

In fact, because of means other than this, the National Transportation Safety Board recently announced that traffic deaths had reached their lowest point since the early 70s and their lowest per capita rate ever.

Yet, when asked to attribute this, the board gave little credit to what it called "a new awareness of the drunken driving problem," pointing instead to the things that really count, like safety on roadways and bridges and improvements in dealing with severe weather.

We at the Almagest are not so naive as to think that drunken driving is not a problem here, especially since newly elected coroner Dr. George McCormick reports that almost 80 percent of all traffic deaths in this area involve alcohol.

But we do not see the safe driver as the beneficiary of this law, and we don't see the dangerous drunken driver as the actual victim.

We will see average citizens hassled needlessly by police who have carte blanche to pull over everyone he sees drinking everything.

After all, a steaming mug of coffee in the morning could be Irish coffee being slurped down by an already smashed driver. Soft drinks and Ices could be spiked. The list goes on and on.

Shreveport's police force has enough avenues for abuse already, and its record clearly shows it is not responsible enough to be granted more. The overzealous, abusive policeman—and this area is not short on them—is the biggest beneficiary.

We have ample laws in force now to deal with the problem. There is no evidence that this law will cause anyone who drinks and drives to stop. It is merely an enforcement opportunity, and we have enough of those.



by WELLBORN JACK 3
Opinion writer

Since the passage of Bossier's open-container law last year, some Shreveporters believe a similar law should exist across the river.

I am not one of them.

The Shreveport City Council will have determined the fate of Peterson's bill before you read this.

If the bill fails to garner a passing vote, let the following stand as a reminder why legislation of this type slices away at the right of a citizen to protection from unreasonable search.

If the bill becomes law, let the following stand as ammunition

for its repeal by citizen referendum.

On its face, Peterson's idea reflects a novel solution to the problem of drunken driving.

Banning booze from vehicles.

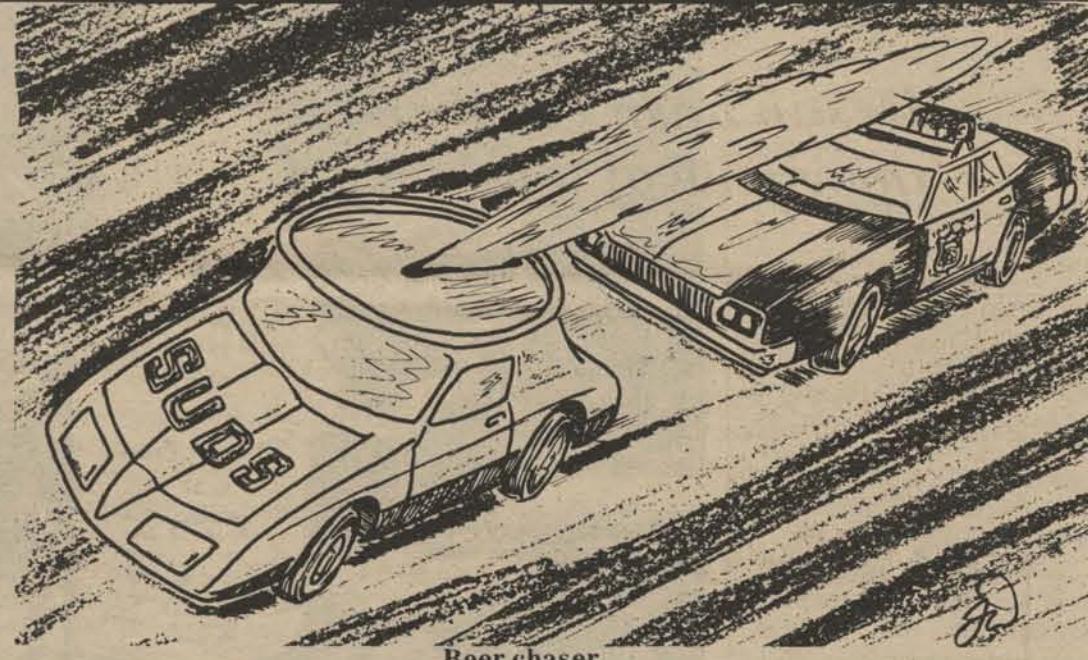
But with the engraving of such an idea into law, Shreveport police can pull over any driver operating a vehicle and possessing "a drinking glass or a cup, including a plastic glass or styrofoam cup" for the purpose of inspecting the container for alcohol.

Stopping any driver just to inspect the contents of his or her

"drinking glass" exceeds the boundaries of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which protects citizens from unreasonable searches. Because the manner in which policemen would determine to search a driver's cup, as provided by Peterson's bill, would exceed the boundaries of probable cause.

Problems associated with drunken driving paint a decrepit picture of our society's weakest link.

But the invasion of a person's privacy paints a surrealistic vision of hell.



Beer chaser



by HOWARD FLOWERS
Editor

Shreveport City Councilman Dee Peterson is to be commended for putting his career as a politician, and his reputation, on the line by proposing an open-container ordinance for the city of Shreveport.

No doubt a sensitive issue, the mere suggestion of this ordinance had the "I-know-my-rights" extremists up in arms.

Peterson also got a slap in the face from the very organization that would seem most likely to be predisposed to this legislation. Ironically, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) was against Peterson's plan for not being stringent enough. They

went so far as to call for a public referendum to kill his ordinance and impose one of their own.

It is obvious that Peterson gave a great deal of consideration to Bossier's present open-container predicament and removed the excesses without taking the sting out of the penalties for potential violators.

Peterson's measure calls for a fine of up to \$100 and/or a jail term of up to 30 days.

This punishment is neither too firm nor too lenient. It's just been a long time in coming.

If there is ever to be any hope of putting an end to highway fatalities and serious accidents

Container law has sting but no excesses

resulting from drunks at the wheel, something had to be done to make people think twice about what they mix with their alcohol. Driving has never been an essential ingredient in good rum.

This proposal is vital, and yet had the potential for dying on the vine since every piece of news coverage it got was accompanied by the latest gossip surrounding the in-fighting of the participants. People who, in essence, were working for a common goal.

If Shreveport ever expects to rise above complacency in its legislation, concensus on its propositions must be achieved early and from within.

letters

Greeks blast anti-frat letter as childish attack

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the childish attack on the entire Greek system that was published in the Feb. 10 edition of this paper. Although the author of the article "Greeks Should Be Avoided" is, of course, entitled to his own opinion, in the future I wish he wouldn't make sweeping

reasoning perpetuates bigotry. Mr. Colder neglected to consider the fact that Greeks are involved in all aspects of campus life at LSUS. Some of the "ignorant" people he referred to in his letter have been on the dean's list for the entirety of their college career. Others are members of SGA, collegiate

couple.

In a discussion that a few other "nonpersons" and myself had with Mr. Colder, the question arose as to why such a ludicrous article was written in the first place. Much to my dismay, Colder didn't even feel strongly about what he had written.

As I understood it, the only reason he wrote the letter was to carry out an assignment which entailed writing something that would elicit some response from

the readers. Colder said, "It was the only thing I could think of at one o'clock in the morning." He even referred to the letter as a "joke."

If it's such a good joke, Mr. Troy Foster, why didn't you sign your real name to it? I feel safe in saying that no one is laughing.

Whether Mr. Foster actually meant what he said or if he was just trying to be controversial is a mystery to me. However, Troy, if you really did believe the things

you said in your letter, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Greek formal next month in hopes of possibly dispelling some of your misconceptions of the Greek system.

Please contact me as soon as possible in regard to which name you would prefer on the invitation.

Sincerely,
Travis Henry
IFC President

"It's ridiculously immature to condemn any group of organizations as large as the Greek system based on one or two isolated occurrences."

generalizations based on trivial incidents.

It's ridiculously immature to condemn any group of organizations as large as the Greek system based on one or two isolated occurrences. This particular type of shallow

honor societies, numerous service organizations and various other student groups. Many of the fraternities and sororities themselves have been actively involved in helping such national charities as the March of Dimes and Jerry's Kids, just to name a

Destin hasn't realized the virtue of tolerance

Dear Editors,

This letter is in response to Destin Colder's letter printed in the Almagest February 10, 1984.

Evidently, "tolerance" is "Greek" to the new philosopher of 1984, Dr. Destin. Tolerance, the word that the good doctor uses, is a virtue that men spend their

lives in search of. The doctor, like so many other non-Greeks, doesn't seem to have realized the full potential of this great virtue. Therefore, this Greek writer will excuse the ignorance of the good doctor's letter.

Faithfully submitted,
The Kappa Sigma Fraternity

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features

Part one of a series

Where are the Chemical People?

by HOWARD FLOWERS
Editor

"I think the problem is fairly obvious right now — it's there staring you right in the face," Bossier High School Student Council President, Carol J. Sollars, said. Alcohol and drug abuse in one of this area's largest high schools has become so rampant Sollars said people are beginning to think of the problem as "commonplace."

The Chemical People is an organization in Shreveport-Bossier designed to develop community awareness of drug and alcohol abuse and open lines of communication among local interest groups in an attempt to find solutions.

Launched with a widely publicized advertising campaign beginning with the Nov. 2 PBS special "The Chemical People," hosted by such personalities as Nancy Reagan, Bill Bixby and Michael Landon, Chemical People task forces were established all over the country.

The ultimate goal is to bring local attention to a national problem by getting concerned members in each community to carry on after the television programs were over.

Two months after the initial explosion, interest in the Chemical People has all but burned out.

James M. Hubbard, assistant professor of psychology at LSUS, is actively trying to spark continued interest in the program. He said that more than 60 people appeared for the first meeting of the Shreveport-Bossier Chemical People Task Force on Nov. 9.

Teachers from Bossier High School, Rusheon Junior High, concerned doctors, parents and students watched

videotaped presentations and listened to a panel discussion by experts in alcohol and drug abuse from this area.

Five people attended the next meeting. He said they adjourned early.

"What the Chemical People is geared for is educating the community about facilities that are already available to help those who have a drug or alcohol problem," Hubbard said. "I don't have any idea why there has been so little interest."



James Hubbard

Odyssey House, a rehabilitation center in Shreveport; CODAC, the Community Organization for Drug Abuse Control; and SAPE, the Substance Abuse Prevention Education program under the Louisiana Department of Education, are just some of the organizations Hubbard said the Chemical People would work with in their effort to meet the growing drug problem.

On the panel with Hubbard and the other area authorities on alcohol and drug abuse was Bossier High School senior Jeff M. McDonald.

"Half the people at the last basketball game were plastered," McDonald said. Police monitor social and

athletic events at the school, but detecting an alcohol or drug user is difficult, he said. "Students act crazy anyway — you can't stop every student and ask to smell his breath," he said.

Sollars agreed that the police and teachers who supervise dances and other gatherings are faced with a dilemma. "They're not so concerned about whether a person has been drinking," she said, "but if their drinking is causing a problem."

"I've talked to teachers who said they've seen students who could hardly walk," McDonald said. "They were tripping over trash cans."

McDonald said he knew of one student who sold drugs in school on special "sale days" on which discount prices were offered for marijuana. "You could get a joint for 75 cents on most days and a 50-cent discount special on Thursdays," he said.

But both McDonald and Sollars agreed that though marijuana and other harder drugs exist at Bossier, the main problem is alcohol. The availability of liquor makes it the most widely abused substance.

Sollars said most underage students get liquor from older brothers and sisters or from their own homes.

If someone wants to get drunk, and they can't get drunk at a school function, they just go and get drunk somewhere else, McDonald said. He cited a party held last spring touted as the "Friday the 13th Party" for the junior class.

The party was held at Cypress Lake and was supervised by parents. "The parents knew there was drinking going on, but there

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Travel agencies abundant

by JIM MCKELLAR
Features editor

Hawaii is making a comeback this year.

Want to go places? No trouble — there is a travel agency on virtually every street corner in Shreveport. The only problem should be deciding which agency to use.

There are three travel agencies in a single block on Youree Drive: Rainbow Travel Agency, Inc., Caraway Travel Services and VIP Travel. How are they all surviving?

"There are a number of agencies," said Charlie Gilley, travel consultant at Caraway Travel Service, "but we all stay busy. There is a lot of competition for the commercial accounts."

Shreveporters simply like to travel. Linda Attaway, a travel consultant at VIP Travel, admitted that the competition was tough because of the number of agencies, but "there always seems to be enough business for everyone."

Travel is seasonal. Most clients are now booking ski trips. Peak traveling times are April through August when families are taking summer vacations. Las Vegas is a year-round attraction, and

Four Seasons Travel Institute is offering a class in Shreveport beginning March 5 on how to become a travel agent. Classes meet Monday and Thursday nights for 13 weeks.

Yes, Shreveport does have an abundance of travel agencies — three in one block is absurd. But Shreveport is on the move, and the travel agencies seem to be surviving.

Classifieds

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Spring Cleaning: waste of time

by SHARON RAMBIN
Assistant features editor

I hate spring cleaning. It is such a waste of time. After all, isn't everything going to get dirty all over again? I have found that this simple philosophy just does not satisfy a mother's mind.

"There is something living in your bedroom," my mother said.

"Of course there is...me," I said, not paying much attention to her.

"No, I mean some THING is living in there. That room has got to be cleaned up today before the health department quarantines the entire house," she screamed, while handing me a rake and shovel.

Reluctantly, I took the "cleaning supplies" and headed down one of the paths leading to my bed.

My mother was right, it did need cleaning. She even offered to help me tackle the "jungle of junk," as she liked to call my living quarters. But I think she went a bit too far by wearing a surgeon's mask and heavy-duty gloves.

"Just look at this mess, you should be ashamed," she muffled through the mask.

"This is not a mess. It is a fine collection of artifacts and other priceless paraphernalia gathered over the years. Look, here is my second grade sweater," I said.

"I thought you'd left it on the bus," she said.

I didn't want to tell her, but I found all those other things I had "lost" on the bus in the same pile.

"These stuffed animals have got to go. They've been here for years, and I think you're a bit too old for them now," she said, while gathering them in her arms.

"What stuffed animals? I gave all of mine away years ago," I replied.

Part 1: Chemical People

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was nothing they could do about it," McDonald said.

An English teacher at Bossier for 14 years, Judy S. Anderson, said the problem was a combination of peer pressure and parental apathy. From listening to students,

Suddenly, she flung the "stuffed animals" across the room and, as they hit the wall, I heard her scream, "It's the THING!"

"What is this full can of beer doing underneath all of this stuff?" she said.

"You found it. I wondered where I had put it," I replied.

"How long has it been in here?" she asked.

"Well, let's just say it has fermented a lot longer than any of Julio Gallo's wines," I said.

"It's really getting hot in here. I think I'll turn on the fan," she said. She did look quite pale.

"Don't do it!" I screamed.

As the fan began to spin, an enormous cloud of dust swept through the room like a Sahara desert dust storm. It's a good thing she had that mask on or she could have choked to death.

"Look, a colony of beetles are living in here," she screamed, while beating them with a rake. What she didn't know was that she just demolished an old 4-H project.

"I never knew you had dressed up in a skeleton costume for Halloween. It sure does look real. Where did you get it?" she asked.

"I don't ever remember dressing up as a skeleton," I said.

A panicked expression fell across her face, "Sharon, who was the last person to spend the night here?"

Finally, we dug our way to the bottom of the piles.

"Now, doesn't this look better. I bet this is the first time you've seen the floor in a long time. By the way, that brown carpet looks pretty good in here," she said.

I smiled and nodded. I just didn't have the nerve to tell her it used to be blue.

Anderson said that the reason they are drinking is "to impress their friends and be a part of the group—drinking is also something which is allowed more in the home."

Next week, Part two: The police and Bossier Parish schools

Nobody knows the trouble I seen, nobody knows the sorrow

by EDDY EDDINS
Feature reporter

One day while thumbing through the Shreveport Times, I came across an ad for a local car dealership. The ad boasted of a particular truck they had on their lot at a very reasonable price. I got out the ol' pocket calculator, and after figuring on not eating for 23 years and pushing it wherever I wanted to go, I could afford the truck.

My parents thought it was a splendid idea and said if I could afford it, I could buy it.

I hurriedly dressed, picked up my girlfriend and rushed to the dealers. Once there, I realized that the truck advertised was not quite what I had in mind.

It was an awful shade, like the lint and dust you find when you move your bed for the first time in two years. The truck had no air conditioning, plastic seats and the ugliest wheels in captivity. It was horrible.

Well, that wasn't about to discourage me. I had new car fever. We drove around and finally found a place with a truck I liked.

I could tell it was a slow day in the sales office. Agents were fighting over who got to humor an 18-year-old out on a wishing trip. Finally, one came over, introduced himself and asked "What can I do for you, sir?"

I explained to the man what I wanted, and naturally he had just what I needed. Not what I wanted, but what I needed.

"Yessiree Bob, here it is. It's a 1983 model with four on the floor, V-6 injun, sport mirrors, Rally package, custom wheels, leather seats, TV, wet bar, your own belly dancer, and it chops, slices and makes Julie Anne fries!"

"No, you don't understand. I want just a plain truck with only a few options. You see, I don't have a lot of money to spend."

For some reason the smile faded and trucks became a scarcity.

"Wayul, Ah! see whut ah can do fer ya," he said, and proceeded to blow the dust off the stock book.

After finding something like I had in mind, he quoted me what seemed like a reasonable price.

"That's only \$8,429.31, plus tax and license."

"Great, now what do I have to

do?"

"Hold on, sonny, that ain't awl there is."

"Oh? What else?"

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\$119.76. Tires for them wheels, buddy? Thars another \$265.91.

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"Now then, with a down payment of \$50, that'll be \$50 a month for 50 years. Howzat?"

I fainted dead away and had to be rushed to the hospital. I'm told that while I was out I kept muttering something about a ball and chain.

New frat hits the scene

by BILL COOKSEY
Staff reporter

A new fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, is about to be started at LSUS by students Jessie Stokes, Willard Woods, Odell Broom, Jerome Danzell and Keith Tyler.

The group will be known as the Sigma Squires until pledging is completed Feb. 25. The fraternity

was co-founded by Stokes, currently president, and Woods, who is vice-president.

Stokes and Woods have been working on the Phi Beta Sigma charter for nearly a year. Since they now have five members of Sigma Squires, they are officially eligible for their national charter to the fraternity.

Sit back, relax in music room

by BILL COOKSEY
Staff reporter

Rock, soul, jazz, country or whatever your musical taste is, you can probably hear it in the University Center music room.

The music room, upstairs in the UC, offers a chance for students to come in, pick an album and sit back to listen to it with a set of headphones.

Recently the album collection of 400-500 albums has begun to be updated. A record buying policy of 10 albums per month has been introduced. The albums purchased are decided by surveys that students are encouraged to fill out. Two tape decks will also be purchased soon, according to Kyle Carriger, a student working in the music room.

Another feature of the facility is magazines. Offered for the listener are the most current issues of the most popular

magazines to browse through while enjoying the music.

The music room also controls the background music that is heard in the UC lobby. Requests aren't accepted, however, Carriger said.

So why not give yourself a

break? Come by the music room, enjoy an album and fill out a survey sheet. Or if you don't feel like listening to music, why not try the wood workshop located next door?

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Five teams gain two wins as new-look IM hoop begins

The new-look Intramural basketball season opened last week with five teams taking advantage of the new two-games-per-week format to move to 2-0 records.

Surf City, ROTC and Sick Dogs in Division I and the Stepchildren and the Fitters in Division II all moved into ties for first place in their respective leagues. The leagues for fraternities (another new feature this season), women and med school (still another new touch) all continued under the one-game format.

As far as Surf City is concerned, familiarity appears to be bringing success. Alonzo Hughes is about as familiar with the H&PE Building as anyone, since he works there. So it is no surprise that he scored 33 points in their 106-27 rout of the Barberians and 24 in a 62-38 win over BSU.

The Sick Dogs have kept pace with a 66-48 win over the Port City All-Stars, in which Brad Bickham scored 18 points, and a 63-50 win over A-Team. ROTC

took a forfeit and buried the Barberians, 73-10, behind Gary Hargis' 23.

Four teams from Division I make the playoffs, with two coming from Division II.

The Stepchildren moved out front of Division II with a 46-37 win over the Freebies and a forfeit, and the Fitters kept pace with a forfeit and a 34-29 win over Surf City, Jr., in which Kirk Jones scored 17 points.

In the seven-team fraternity league, Hoops Unlimited, Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sig took opening day wins—Hoops Unlimited downing the Klickers, 51-28, KA turning back KA No. 2, 61-58, and Kappa Sigma downing Phi Delt, 51-35.

Sue Gauthier's 14 points led the Physical Recas past the Barbodies, 55-19; and Janet Ferguson's 16 helped ROTC defeat the Residual Bodies, 41-13, as the women's league swung into action with a seven-team league that features two teams from the Med School.

Gym supervisor needed?

by BRENT GRAY
Sports reporter

Do LSUS students have unlimited use of the equipment in the Health and Physical Education Building?

Most of us have no problem using the equipment. We play racquetball, lift weights and swim at our leisure—but the gymnasts on campus don't feel they have the same rights.

The problem is that H&PE department officials don't think the gymnastic equipment is sufficiently supervised and believe LSUS may be liable for injuries.

One of the gymnasts, Russell Wingfield, said he and four or five others would like to practice on the equipment and are also interested in beginning intramural gymnastic competition.

According to Wingfield, most students interested in using the equipment are instructors at Tower Gymnastics and are more than qualified to use the equipment.

The gymnasts feel the

equipment is wasted most of the time because, with the exception of class time, the gymnastics room is usually closed to students.

H&PE building manager Larry Rambin understands the students' request but says there is little that can be done.

Rambin compared the gymnastics room to the pool area. Both are potentially dangerous, and the school is responsible for qualified supervision. Lifeguards in the pool area are qualified and, as Rambin pointed out, "they have something that says they're qualified."

While the department acknowledges the gymnastic skill of several LSUS students,

without supervision the school would be liable for injuries caused by the "nature of the equipment and stunts," Rambin said.

Rambin said faculty members were the only ones that would be considered qualified supervision, and few H&PE instructors have time in their schedule to devote to the gymnastics room.

It's a situation that no one likes. The faculty would like to see the equipment used as much as possible and all students would like to see the IM program grow. But unless a program is developed to train qualified gymnastic supervisors, it looks like gymnastics at LSUS are out of the question.

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Sports View

by BRIAN McNICOLL
Sports editor



IM trying things

Intramural director Carolyn Cornelison is doing all she can to make her department all things for all people. Innovations, "extravaganzas" and other day and week-long themes have become a pleasantly regular addition to the IM schedule.

The latest of these was the Valentine's Day slate of last Tuesday, which, appropriately, featured mixed events.

Gary Hargis and Janet Ferguson were the best pair when it came to two-on-two basketball, defeating David Williams and Linda Smith, 20-9, in the finals. Kay and Mike Slagle (you'll see these names again) finished third. Women's baskets counted for three points and men's meant one.

Kay and Mike Slagle (you may even see this name again) finished second out of the five teams entered in the pool mixed doubles tournament, falling to Mitch Tyra and Gretchen Clark in the finals. Tom Tuggle and Doray Schillings finished third. The IM Department picked

up a few points of its own in the points race when the Director (as opposed to the Producer of Hollywood fame) teamed with C. R. McPherson to win the table tennis tournament. Doug Kinney and Kay Slagle (what happened to Mike?) finished second, and Dale Kaiser and Karen Schlaff finished third.

The faculty-administration also sneaked in a ringer for badminton. None other than badminton instructor Sandra Bowen took the prize, along with Lon Smith, the only guy on campus smart enough to ask the teacher to play. Doug Kinney and Kay Slagle (bet you didn't think you would hear from these guys again) finished second.

Kinney, man about campus, teamed with Doray Schillings to win the racquetball tournament, downing Dean Miears and Judy Kidd, 15-13, 15-19, in the finals.

In the ongoing IM bowling league, ROTC No. 1 took all eight points from the second-place Sockers in head-up match of the top two teams.



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